

Country Project

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Location

CRIKEY! Did you hear that? That's the sound of a wild Australian. Did you know Australia is also known as the island continent? It has the name because it's isolated from all the other continents. If you would like to visit Australia, it's in the South East Hemisphere, between 10°S, and 45°S, and also 110°E and 155°E. Since Australia is basically a massive island, it's surrounded by a large amount of bodies of water like the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean, and the Southern Ocean. There is also a whopping eight other seas, straits, and a bight. Australia doesn't really have any bordering countries so you can't drive there but the closest countries are New Caledonia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Indonesia, Vanuatu, and Timor Leste. Australia is home to the world's largest living structure, The Great Barrier Reef! This massive structure is 348,700 km² and is home to 1670 different species of underwater animals and 411 different types of hard coral. Most of Australia's population lives along the coast because on the inside of country there is a hot dry

desert. Australia is one of the world's most interesting places with lots of amazing physical features. I strongly suggest you visit.



Physical Geography

Australia has rivers, lakes, and mountains, just like Canada. It has a large coastline and low plateaus. Towards the middle of the island there is deserts and fertile plains. In the South of Australia it is mainly arid to semi-arid and same for the East. In the North it is tropical. The largest mountain range in Australia is the Australian Alps. The highest mountain in the range is Mount Kosciuszko reaching to an average 2,228m. The completely opposite place in Australia is Lake Eyre. Being 16m below sea level it is the lowest place in Australia. The other lake in Australia is called Lake Torrens. Some of the rivers in Australia are the Murrumbidgee River, the Darling River, the Lachlan River, and my favorite, the Murray River.



One of Australia's most interesting physical features is Uluru. Uluru is a massive rock that glows a deep red in the sunset. Australia is approximately 7,682,300km². Overall Australia is a pretty normal country when it comes to physical geography.

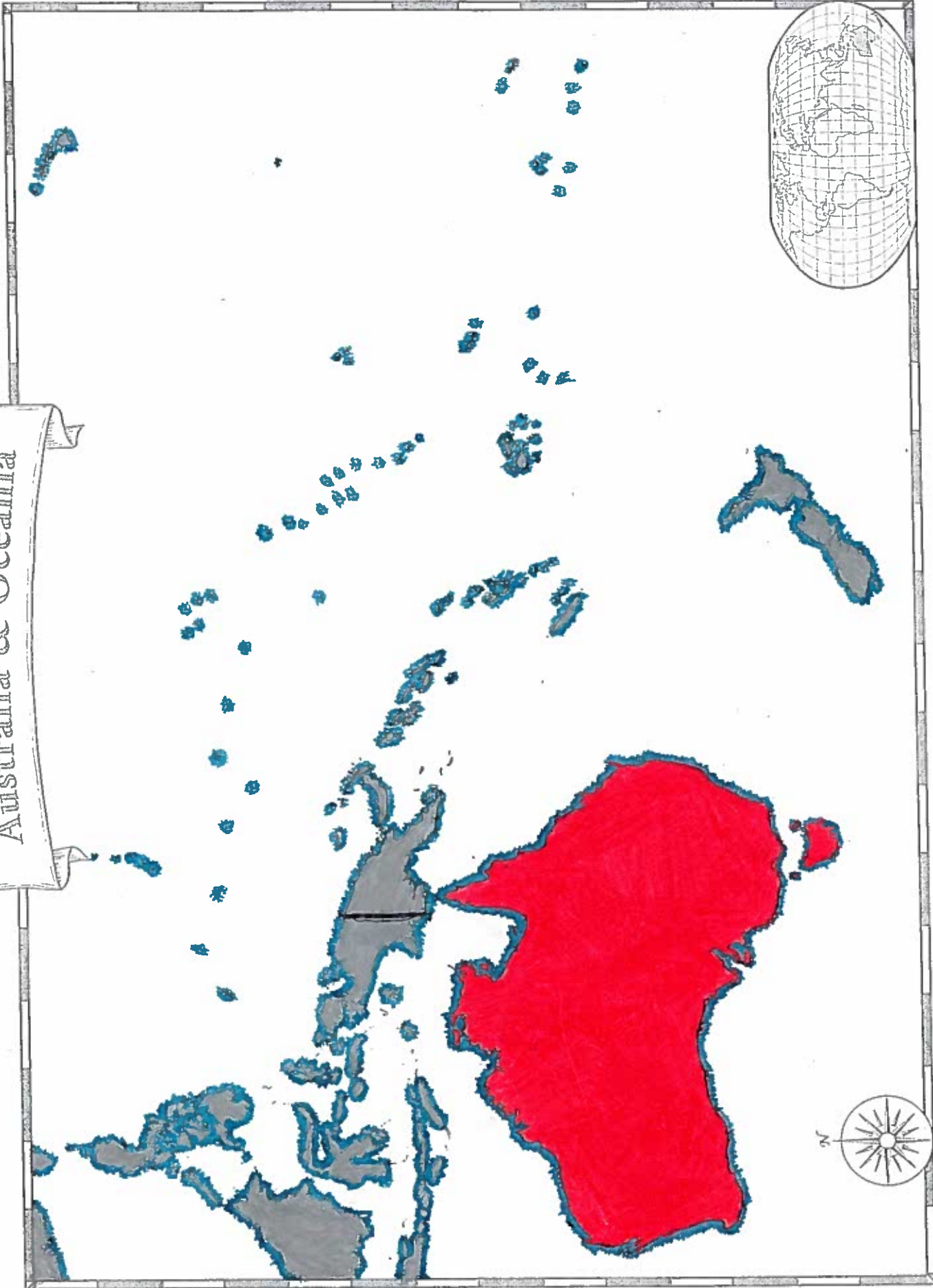
Political Geography

Did you know that Australia has 16 states and territories? It has 10 territories and 6 states. The names of the states are, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania. The Territories are Norfolk Island, Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory, Christmas Island, Jervis Bay Territory, Cocos Islands, Ashmore and Cartier Islands, and the Australian Antarctic Territory. Australia has a prime minister named Scott Morrison. I hope you enjoyed my Paragraph about political geography.



Scott Morrison

Australia & Oceania

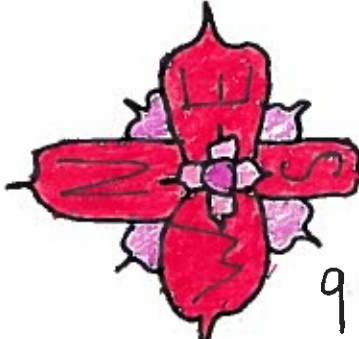
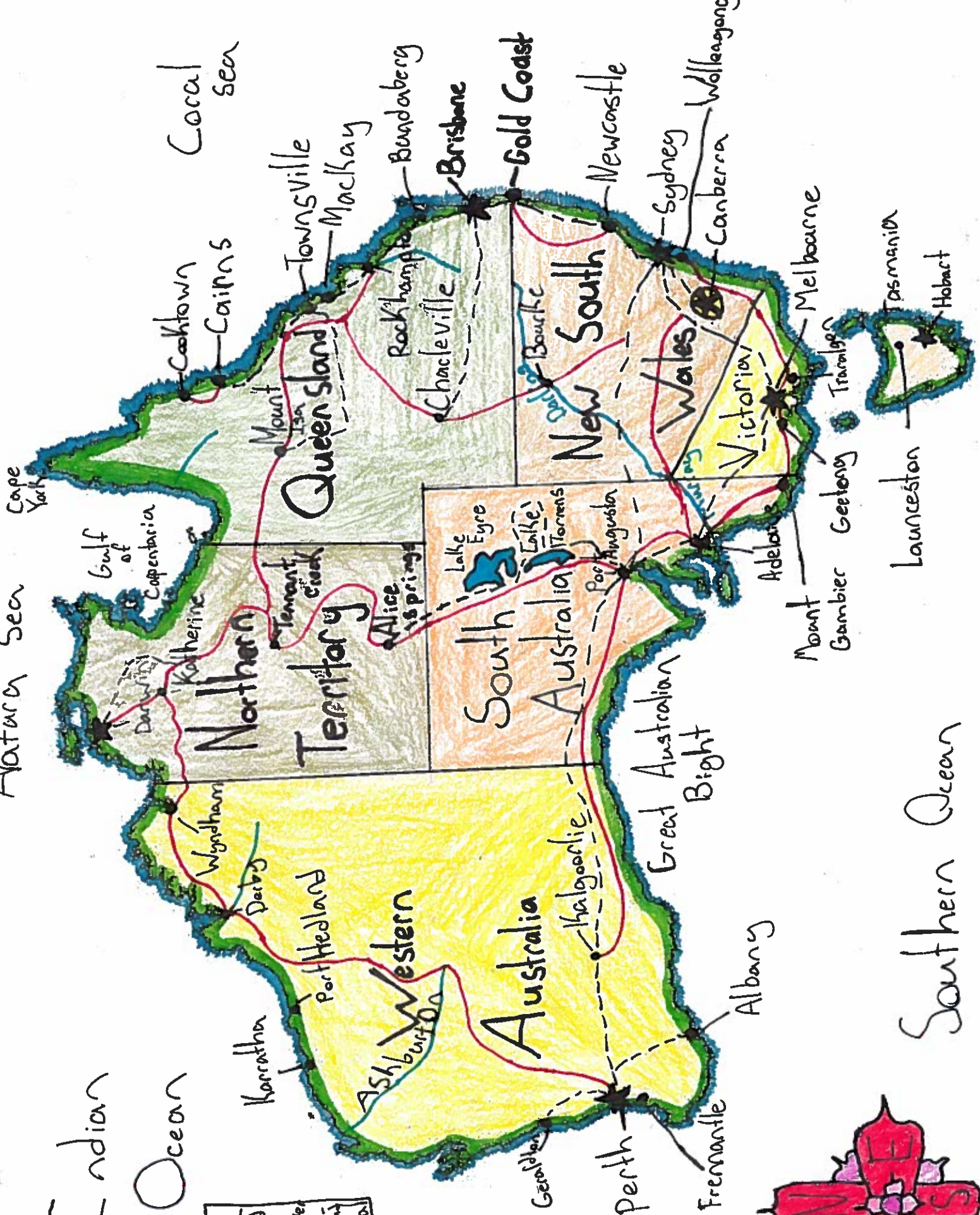


Indian Ocean

Australian Sea

Coral Sea

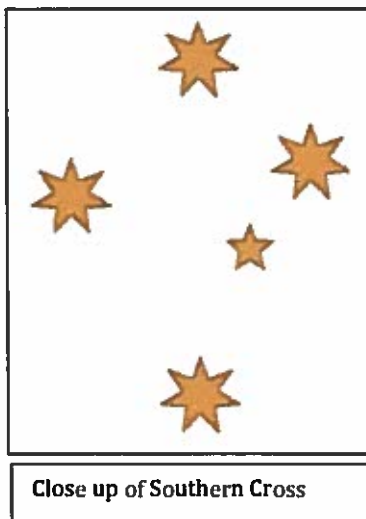
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Southern Ocean

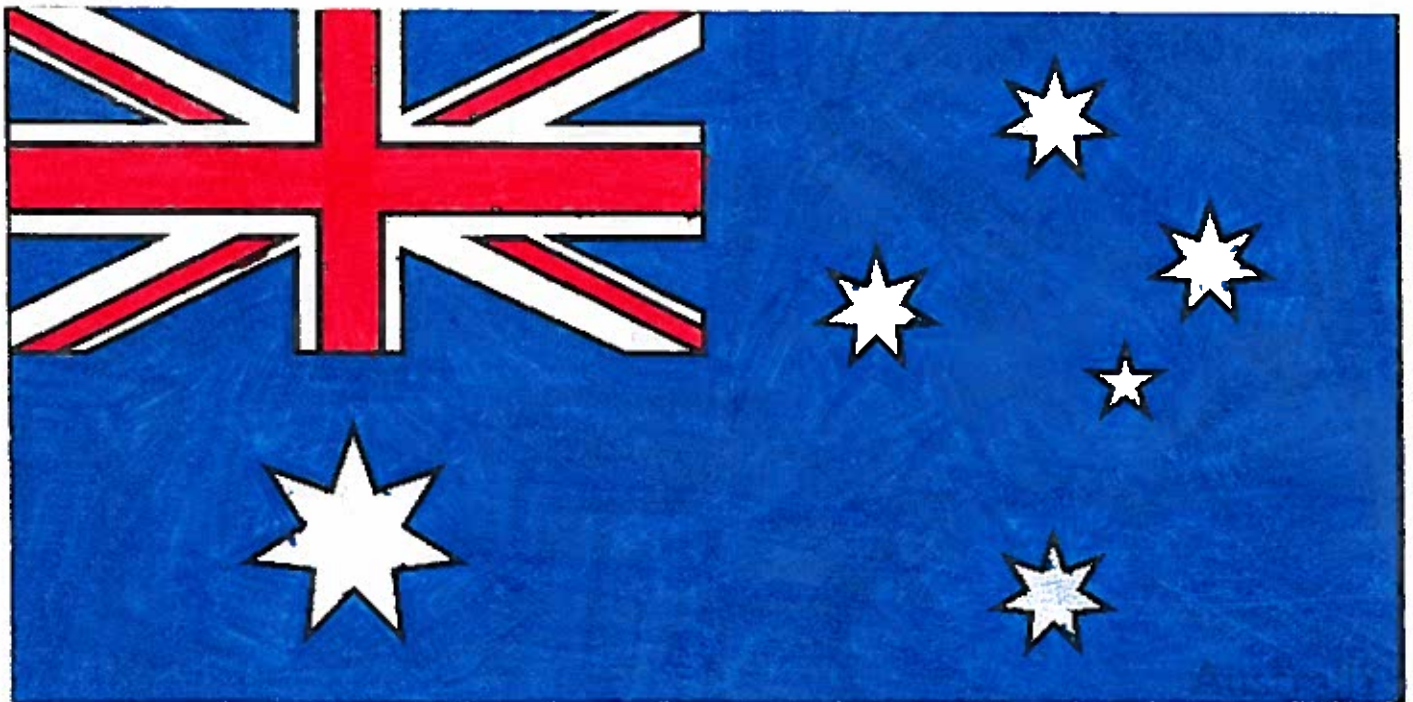
Flag

Australia's flag is navy blue with the Union Jack in the top left corner. It has a big white 7-sided star under the Union Jack. In the top and bottom right corners 4 medium sized 7-sided stars and 1 small 5-sided star make a picture of the constellation called the Southern Cross. It looks like this:



Close up of Southern Cross

The Union Jack is on the flag because Australia used to be a place where people from the United Kingdom would send criminals to go to jail. The 7 pointed stars symbolize the states and territories in Australia. I think Australia's flag is pretty cool and I hope you do to.



Population

Australia has a decent amount of people living on it. It has 23,470,145 people living there. That's quite a bit of people, but not as much as Canada! We have 35,881,659 people! Australia's population density would be 3 people per km². Australia is a pretty well developed country. It is 88% urban, and 12% rural. Australia's main cities are, Canberra, which is the capital, Newcastle, Gold coast, Adelaide, Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, and Darwin. Darwin isn't a major city, but it's my favorite city because we share a name. Did you know that 72 people out of 100 use the Internet? Also, only 5 out of 1,000 babies die at birth. Australia is quite a bit like Canada.



Additional Information

Did you know Australia's richest woman earns 1 million dollars every half hour? Gina Rinehart is a very successful person who works as a chairman at Hancock Prospecting. Hancock Prospecting is a privately owned mineral exploration and extraction company founded by her father, Lang Hancock. Australia is very close to the largest living structure, the Great Barrier Reef. Make sure your dog doesn't go swimming in platypus infested waters, the male platypus has enough venom to kill a small dog. Australia has 23,470,145 people, but it also has 3.3x more sheep. The fat and cute wombat of Australia has cube shaped poop. In 2005, the security guards at Canberra's parliament house were banned from calling people "mate". The ban lasted one day. I hope you enjoyed this additional information about Australia.



Leisure

Most leisure activities in Australia include something to do water.

One of the big activities there is surfing. But there are lots of different things to do if you don't like surfing. You can take a nice

sail in an optimist boat and you can go snorkeling by the Great

Barrier Reef. There are also lots of swimming options, maybe you

would like to go on a waterhole swim. There is also a crocodile

cruising in a swamp where you go on a boat and look at crocodiles!

Also, even though they aren't naturally occurring, you could take a

camel ride! Another thing to do would be to go fishing on a fishing

charter. Bunya hikes are another really exciting thing to do. Bunya's

are really old looking trees that are really tall. They look like this:



Australia's holidays are not that much different than ours. We have Remembrance Day, they have Australia Day. They also have Labour Day, and the Queen's Birthday. One of their more serious holidays is Anzac Day. Anzac Day is basically another Remembrance Day. It is to celebrate the Australians and New Zealanders who sacrificed their lives in all wars. Australia's national sport is cricket. Cricket is roughly a game where you hit a ball as far as you can with a flat bat and try to run from one place to another. Australia has lots of things for you to do there.



Languages

There are lots of languages spoken in Australia. They are: Italian, Mandarin, Greek, Tagalog, Cantonese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Arabic, Punjabi, and the most spoken, English. Australia is known for its' slang words. I am going to teach you some of them. One of them is bathers, which means swimsuit, one of them is billy, which is tea pot. There is Maccas, which is McDonalds. Also dunny which is a toilet. Crikey is an expression of surprise. Sunnies is sunglasses. G'day is slang for hello. Brolley is umbrella, and brekky is breakfast. Those are just some the thousands of words that they abbreviate.



Food and Drinks

The Australian diet is about the same as ours. Just a lot more beer, and vegemite instead of syrup. Australia has an iconic food called damper. Damper is a soda bread that is traditionally made in a camp fire. Need to earn money? Australia has a quick way to do it. The secret is to hold a sausage sizzle! A sausage sizzle is a quick and fun fundraiser that a whole bunch of people will come to. To make a sausage sizzle all you need is lots of sausages, and normal bread. You need bread because Australians don't use hot dog buns. If you have all that, make a sign and you're set! Most of Australia's drinks are alcoholic, like Foster's Lager, but I have been told that Australian coffee is really good as well. "I thought to myself though, There has got to be another Australian drink that isn't alcoholic", so I searched it up and I found lots. I found out that they also drink Grape Lemonade Mocktails, Strawberry Mint Fizzes, alcohol free Pina Coladas, Hand Punches, Cherry Velvet Limeade Mocktails, and Cranberry Lime Mocktails.

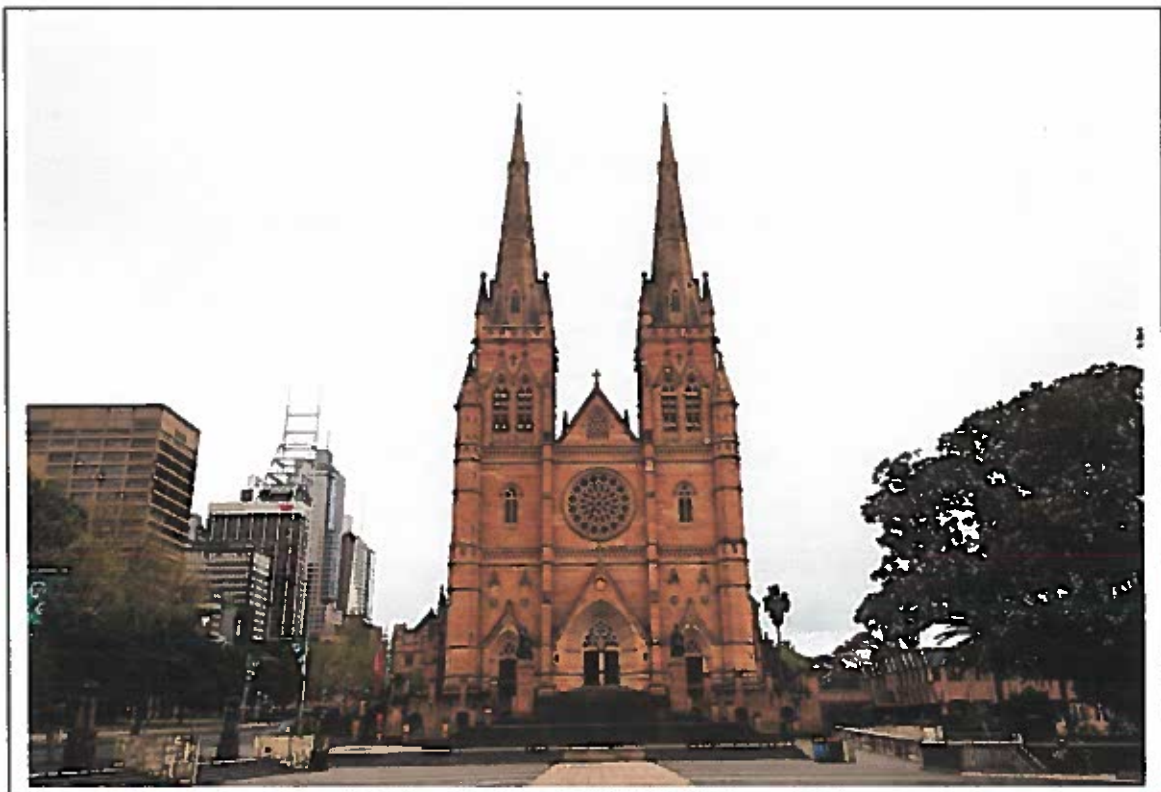
Also in a traditional Australian BBQ they have seafood, sausages, burgers, steak, and bread and tomato. I hope you enjoyed my section about Australian foods and drinks.



Damper

Religion

I am going to tell you about Australia's religions. Australia is 22.6% Catholic, 16.3% Christian, 13.3% Anglican, 2.6% Islamic, 2.4% Buddhist, 1.9% Hindu, 30.1% no religion, 9.1% not stated or unclear, and the last 1.7% is something else. Australia's religious holidays are the exact same as ours. They have Easter, Good Friday, Christmas, and Boxing Day, just like us. I hope you enjoyed my paragraph about Australian religion.



Climate

Australia is the complete opposite of us Canadians when it comes to climate. They have no winter, only spring, summer, and autumn. Let me tell you what seasons go with which month. For spring, they have September, October, and November. For summer they have December, January, and February and for autumn they have March, April, and May. Australia is tropical in the North, and hot and humid in the summer and warm and dry in the winter. Australia also has mild and cool summers, and sometimes rainy winters in the South. I hope you were on the edge of your seat for my paragraph about Australia's climate.



Economy

For this paragraph I am going to tell you about Australia's economy.

Australia imports machinery, transport equipment, road vehicles, industrial machinery, electrical machinery, telecommunications and sound recording equipment, petroleum, manufactured goods, chemicals, and food and livestock. Australia exports multiple types of ore, gold, wheat, coal briquettes, mineral fuels, meat, cereals, and inorganic chemicals. Australia's trade partners are Japan, China, United States, South Korea, Thailand, Germany, India, and Hong Kong. One Australian dollar is equal to 0.96 Canadian dollars. I am glad you read my project on Australia.

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